



## VOTER REGISTRATION 101: WHO, WHERE, AND WHEN

# Voter Registration 101

Thank you for your interest in promoting civic engagement! The Maricopa County Recorder's Office (MCRO) appreciates all efforts to engage more eligible voters in the process. To support you we have created this guide. If you want to learn more, come to a Deputy Registrar class: [www.tinyurl.com/DRclass20](http://www.tinyurl.com/DRclass20).

### **Who CAN Register to Vote?**

There are three requirements to register to vote in Arizona:

- 1) U.S. Citizenship.
- 2) 18 years old by the next General Election.
- 3) Arizona is your primary residence. You can only vote in one state and registering to vote is a way to claim residency. (exception: tribal elections)

### **Who can NOT Register to Vote?**

- 1) Non-U.S. Citizens. (Green Card holders, permanent residents, etc.)
- 2) Felons without their civil rights restored. (First-time, single felony offenders get their rights automatically restored after all court orders are completed)
- 3) Adjudicated incapacitated as ruled by a court.

### **Three Ways to Register to Vote**

#### **Online Registration**

Requires an AZ Driver License, permit, or state ID card.  
[www.ServiceArizona.com](http://www.ServiceArizona.com)

#### **Paper State Form**

For Arizona Voters only. Pick up at MCRO Offices. For locations visit [Maricopa.Vote](http://Maricopa.Vote)

#### **Paper Federal Form**

For use in all 50 states.

Learn more at [www.EAC.gov/Voter\\_Resources](http://www.EAC.gov/Voter_Resources)

**Voter Registration Deadlines:** You must be registered to vote 29 days before any election to be an eligible elector. If the deadline falls on a state holiday, it is moved to the next day. See page 2 for upcoming election dates and voter registration deadlines.

### **Voter Registration Pro-Tips:**

- ⇒ *Be aware of deadlines!* Forms turned into the Maricopa County Recorder's Office after a voter registration deadline will not be eligible for the upcoming election, even if the form was completed before the deadline.
- ⇒ MCRO recommends turning in all forms within 5 calendar days of collecting them.
- ⇒ [www.ServiceArizona.com](http://www.ServiceArizona.com) is a great tool to run *virtual registration drives* through email and social media.
- ⇒ Voters can use a paper form to update their voter registration. For example, if a voter has moved recently, offer them a paper voter registration form rather than letting them walk away empty handed.

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## VOTER REGISTRATION 101: DATES AND DEADLINES

# Election Calendar for 2020

**Be aware of upcoming elections and voter registration deadlines.** Each deadline is calculated by counting backwards from Election Day. For example, the Voter Registration Deadline is E-29, meaning 29 days before Election Day.

Election Day	Election Type	Voter Registration Deadline (E-29)	Ballots Mailed (E-27)	Return Ballots By* (E-6)
March 10, 2020	Jurisdictional	February 10, 2020	February 12, 2020	March 4, 2020
March 17, 2020	Presidential Preference	February 18, 2020**	February 19, 2020	March 11, 2020
May 19, 2020	Jurisdictional	April 20, 2020	April 22, 2020	May 13, 2020
August 4, 2020	Primary	July 6, 2020	July 8, 2020	July 29, 2020
November 3, 2020	General	October 5, 2020	October 7, 2020	October 28, 2020

\*After this deadline MCRO recommends dropping your ballot off at a voting location rather than mailing it in.

\*\*Moved per ARS 16-120 due to E-29 days being a holiday.

### Election Types Key:

**Jurisdictional**– Refers to off-season elections where Jurisdictions like Cities, Towns, School Districts, and Special Districts may choose to hold their elections. Stay informed about whether or not your local district is having an election by visiting our website [Maricopa.Vote](http://Maricopa.Vote).

**Presidential Preference (PPE)**– Ballots are political party specific. Voters registered without a political party by the Voter Registration Deadline cannot participate in this election. The only candidates in this election are the Arizona qualified Presidential Primary candidates.

*Note: Only Democrats are holding a PPE in 2020.*

**Primary**– In August of even years partisan candidates run on this ballot to represent their party for the General Election. Ballots are party specific and voters without a political party must tell MCRO which ballot they would like to receive. See page 5 for more details.

**General**– In November of even years the winners of the Primary Election, judges, nonpartisan candidates, and propositions appear on this ballot. Ballots are precinct specific, not party specific.

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## VOTER REGISTRATION 101: FILING OUT THE FORM COMPLETELY

# Arizona State Form Required Fields

The Arizona State Voter Registration Form requires a name, address, birth date, affirmations of eligibility (the two check boxes in box 22), signature, and proof of citizenship.

The voter should fill out all remaining boxes that are relevant.

Every piece of information given better assists in properly registering the voter.

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**\*USE BLACK PEN ~ COMPLETELY FILL OUT FORM \*USE PLUMA DE TINTA NEGRA ~ LLENE EL FORMULARIO COMPLETAMENTE**-----Fold Line>

[1] Permanent Early Voting List – Early Ballot (see instructions above) <input type="checkbox"/> YES, I want to automatically receive an early ballot for each election for which I am eligible. <input type="checkbox"/> NO, I <b>DO NOT</b> want to automatically receive an early ballot. I understand CHECKING THIS BOX will remove my name from the list if it was previously included.		BOX FOR OFFICE USE ONLY S	
[2] Last Name		First Name	Middle Name
[3] Address <u>where you live</u> – If no street address, describe residence location using mileage, cross streets, parcel #, subdivision name and lot, or landmarks. Do not use post office box or business address. Draw a map below if located in rural area.			[4] Apt./Unit/Space
[5] City	[6] Zip	[7] Address <u>where you get your mail</u> , if mail is not delivered to your home	
[8] Last four digits of Social Security Number	[9] AZ Driver License Number or AZ Nonoperating License Number	[10] Optional Tribal Identification Number	[11] Alien Registration Number
[12] Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	[13] State or Country of Birth	[14] Party Preference <input type="checkbox"/> Republican <input type="checkbox"/> Democratic <input type="checkbox"/> Other	[15] Telephone Number
[16] Occupation		[17] If you were registered to vote in another state, list former address including county and state	
[18] List former name (if applicable)		[19] Father's name or mother's maiden name	
[20] Are you willing to work at a polling place on election day? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		[21] E-mail address	
[22] Are you a citizen of the United States of America? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>If you checked "No" to either one of these questions, do not submit this form.</i> Will you be 18 years of age on or before election day? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>these questions, do not submit this form.</i>		[23] If no street address draw a map here: N W ——— E S	
VOTER DECLARATION – By signing below, I swear or affirm that the above information is true, that I am a RESIDENT of Arizona, I am NOT a convicted FELON or my civil rights are restored, and I have NOT been adjudicated INCOMPETENT. X SIGN HERE _____ DATE _____			
[24] If you are unable to sign the form, the form can be completed at your direction. The person who assisted you must sign here.			
SIGNATURE OF PERSON ASSISTING _____		DATE _____	

### \*The following are acceptable proof of citizenship:

- A valid AZ Drivers License or other Non-operating Identification License (Box 9)
- Indian Census , Bureau of Indian Affairs Card, Tribal Treaty Card, or Tribal Enrollment Number (Box 10)
- U.S. Naturalization Documents, Alien Registration Number (Box 11)
- A legible copy of a Birth Certificate, along with any supporting documentation of a name change
- A legible copy of the relevant Passport Pages

**Pro-Tip:** Use a light yellow highlighter to draw a registrant's attention to the required fields. Highlighting the form while explaining the required fields helps to keep the voter's attention. Do not use dark highlighter, it can obscure the voter's writing and make the form difficult to process.

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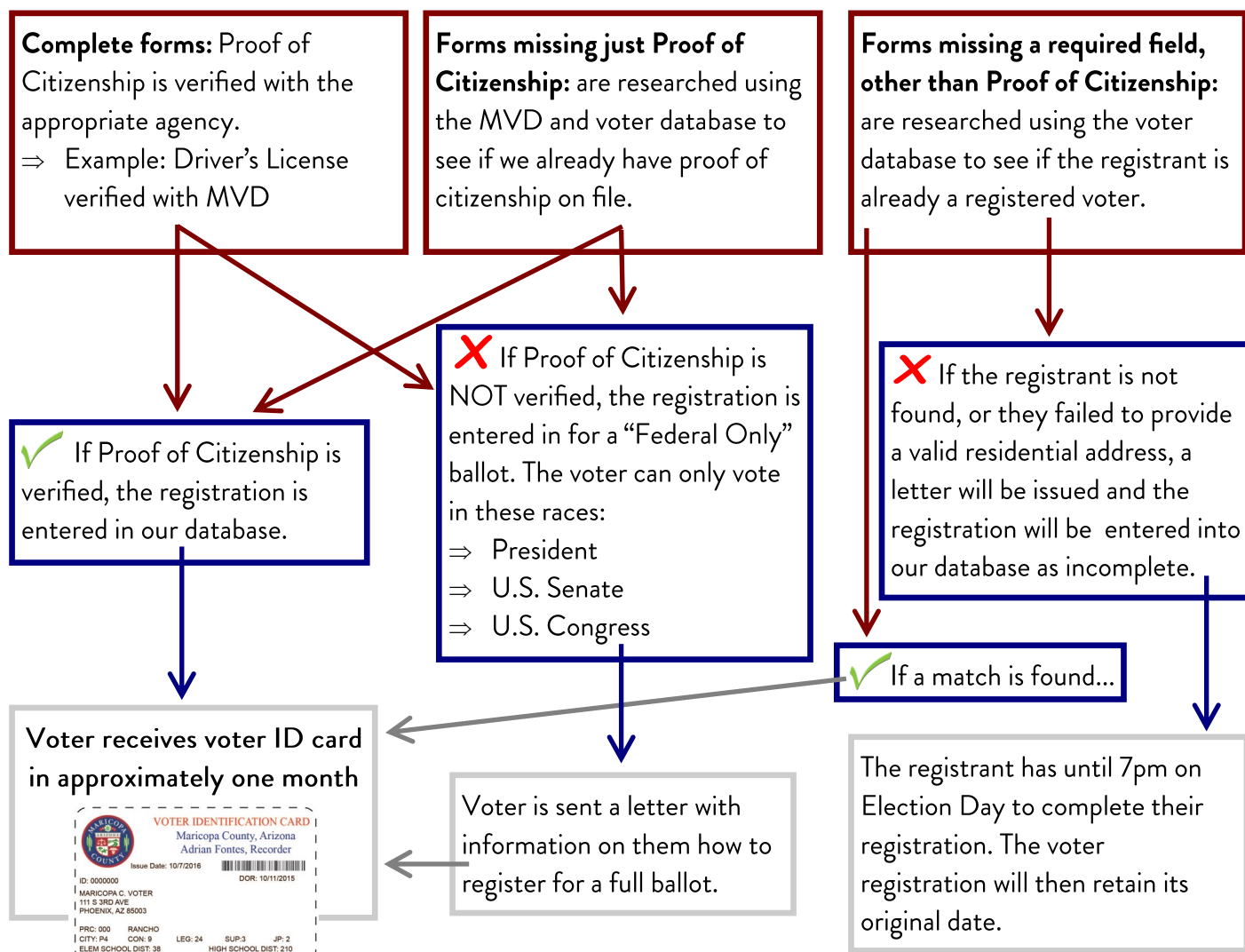


## VOTER REGISTRATION 101: WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

# Verifying Eligible Voters

What happens to voter registration forms after you drop them off? How do we make sure that only eligible voters get registered? What do we do with forms missing required information?

All great questions! All voters should verify their registration online at [Maricopa.Vote](http://Maricopa.Vote) before each election. In the meantime, this flow chart illustrates how the Maricopa County Recorder's Office (MCRO) processes forms. **The Voter Registration Department starts** by sorting forms into three different categories: complete, missing proof of citizenship, missing other required fields.



The MCRO uses information from the courts, Department of Health Services, and other agencies to regularly update the voter registration database. Arizona is a proud member of E.R.I.C., which checks voter registrations across state lines and helps keep the voter registration rolls current.

Learn more at: [www.EricStates.org](http://www.EricStates.org)

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## VOTER REGISTRATION 101: WE GET THAT ALL THE TIME

# Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. How can I check if I am registered to vote?

Check your registration at [Maricopa.Vote](http://Maricopa.Vote).

### 2. Can I register to vote online?

Yes, visit [www.ServiceArizona.com](http://www.ServiceArizona.com).

### 3. How can I update my voter registration address or change my political party?

Visit [www.ServiceArizona.com](http://www.ServiceArizona.com) or use a paper form.

### 4. What is required to register to vote in Arizona?

(1) 18 by the next General Election (2) U.S. Citizen.  
(3) Resident of Arizona. See page one for details.

### 5. Can the form be filled out in Spanish?

Yes. There is a Spanish translation on the top half of the carbon copy of the state form.

### 6. Does my Driver License have to match my current address to register?

No, but you will need to bring a secondary ID with your new address on it to vote in-person.

### 7. What happens if I move and don't update my voter registration?

If two pieces of Official Election Mail are returned as undeliverable, your registration status will be changed to "inactive". Inactive does *not* mean your registration is canceled. It means MCRO will stop sending you mail. To reactivate you can call 602-506-1511 or show up in-person to vote. If you fail to reactivate within two federal cycles (4 years) your registration will be canceled.

### 8. Can I help others register to vote?

Yes! Just make sure to turn in voter registrations forms before any deadlines.

### 9. When is the last day to register to vote?

29 days before Election Day.

### 10. If I moved into Maricopa County after the deadline can I still vote in this election?

No, but you can register now and vote in future elections. You can request a ballot for this election from your former county or state.

### 11. Can my ballot be mailed to me at a temporary address?

Yes, visit [Request.Maricopa.Vote](http://Request.Maricopa.Vote) or call (602) 506-1511 at least 11 days before an election.

### 12. I am moving out of state, how do I remove myself from the voter rolls?

Send an email to [voterinfo@risc.maricopa.gov](mailto:voterinfo@risc.maricopa.gov).

### 13. What are the recognized political parties in AZ?

Republican, Democrat, and Libertarian.

### 14. What if I don't want to select a political party?

You may choose to register with no political party.

### 15. If I register with no political party, can I vote in a Primary Election?

Yes, you just have to tell us which party's primary you wish to participate in. You can do so by phone, mail, in-person, or online at [Request.Maricopa.Vote](http://Request.Maricopa.Vote).

### 16. If I register with no political party, can I vote in a Presidential Preference Election (PPE)?

No, you cannot. You must re-register with a party at least 29 days before. The next PPE is on March 17, 2020, the deadline to register is February 17, 2020.

### 17. Can the Federal Form be used in any state?

Yes, Maricopa County Recorder's Office (MCRO) will mail the form to another state for you. Visit [www.EAC.gov/NVRA](http://www.EAC.gov/NVRA) for more information.

### 18. Can I turn in registrations forms for other counties or states to MCRO?

Yes, MCRO will send the forms to the correct county or state.

### 19. I left my wallet in the car, can I register to vote without proof of citizenship?

Yes, MCRO will verify with MVD that you are a citizen. Providing the last four of your SSN can make the process smoother.

### 20. I want to learn more about registering voters.

Attend a MCRO Deputy Registrar Training: [www.tinyurl.com/DRclass20](http://www.tinyurl.com/DRclass20)

### 21. I want to work at a polling location or another temporary job during an election.

Come attend a MCRO Get Involved Orientation: [www.tinyurl.com/GetInvolvedMaricopa](http://www.tinyurl.com/GetInvolvedMaricopa)

No time to attend a class? Fill out an interest form: [GetInvolved.Vote](http://GetInvolved.Vote)

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## VOTER REGISTRATION 101: IF WE DIDN'T ANSWER YOUR QUESTION...

# Tools and Resources

### Useful Websites

[Maricopa.Vote](http://Maricopa.Vote)—Basic voting and election information

[Locations.Maricopa.Vote](http://Locations.Maricopa.Vote)—Find your voting location during an election

[www.ServiceArizona.com](http://www.ServiceArizona.com)—Online voter registration.

[www.AZCleanElections.gov](http://www.AZCleanElections.gov)—Candidate information and other useful tools

[www.AZSOS.gov](http://www.AZSOS.gov)—Information for Arizona voters outside of Maricopa County

[www.EAC.gov](http://www.EAC.gov)—National voter information resources

[www.FVAP.gov](http://www.FVAP.gov)—Military and Overseas Citizens voter information

### Get Automatic Updates on YOUR Ballot

Text “JOIN” to 628 683 to subscribe for automatic text message updates on your early ballot status so you always know when your ballot has been received and counted by the Elections Department. OR visit [TextSignUp.Maricopa.Vote](http://TextSignUp.Maricopa.Vote) to sign up for email and/or text updates.



### Alternative Ballot Formats and Voter Assistance

- ⇒ The Elections Department will provide Braille or Large Print ballots or other election materials by mail upon request.
- ⇒ Audio ballots are available at all voting locations. Visit [Locations.Maricopa.Vote](http://Locations.Maricopa.Vote) to find a location near you.
- ⇒ All official election materials are available in Tohono O'odham (in some areas) or Spanish upon request.

For more information visit [Maricopa.Vote](http://Maricopa.Vote) or call 602-506-1511.

### Pre-Registration: Did you know you can register to vote before your 18th Birthday?

- ⇒ You can register to vote if you will be 18 years old by the next General Election.
- ⇒ General Elections are the November Elections in even years.
- ⇒ Will you be 18 by November 3, 2020? Are you a U.S. citizen? Do you live in Arizona or consider Arizona home? If yes to all three, register to vote today!

### Maricopa County Recorder's Offices

Downtown  
111 S 3rd Ave, Ste 103  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

M.C.T.E.C.  
510 S 3rd Ave  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Mesa Office  
222 E Javelina  
Mesa, AZ 85210

Drop off and pick up voter registration forms Monday thru Friday from 8am to 5pm

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